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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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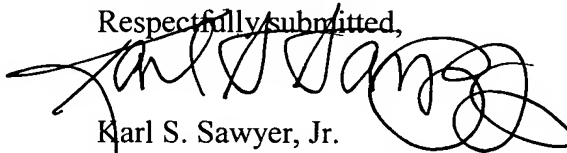
Sir:

In compliance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. A PTO Form 1449 listing references known to the applicants is attached. A copy of the German patents are enclosed, and the U.S. Patents corresponding to German Patents DE 1276523 and DE 2163210 are listed on the attached PTO-1449. An English abstract is attached to German Patent DE 4308058.

German DE 25 31 044 A1 has already been discussed in the body of the application. Accordingly, this reference is not believed to necessitate further discussion.

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Respectfully submitted,



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